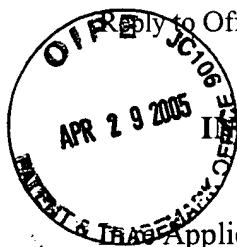


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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the non-final Office Action mailed on the date of January 26, 2005. In view of the following Remarks/Arguments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, and request allowance of the claims in this Application.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Listing of Claims beginning on page two (2) of this paper; and

Remarks beginning on page seven (7) of this paper.